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SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF MID EAST NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: AMIR OF QATAR SEES SUSPENSION OF SECRETARY'S MISSION AS PROOF OF ISRAELI BAD FAITH. HE ENCOURAGED SECRETARY TO CONTINUE US EFFORTS TO RESOLVE MID EAST CRISIS, EXPRESSED FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT FOR THESE EFFORTS WHICH HE REGARDS AS OBLIGATION OF US AS GREAT POWER. GOQ FOREIGN MINISTER ECHOED AMIR'S VIEWS ON SUSPENSION OF SECRETARY'S MISSION. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MORNING MARCH 23, I CONVEYED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON SUS-  
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PENSION OF MID EAST NEGOTIATIONS ORALLY TO AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH

KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI. AMIR LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, TOO SOME NOTES, AND FREQUENTLY ASKED ME TO RPT VARIOUS PASSAGES OF MESSAGE. DURING PORTIONS OF PRESENTATION RE ISRAELI DESIRE TO MOVE TOWARD END OF BELIGERENCY WITH EGYPT, AMIR INTERJECTED THAT THIS WAS "IMPOSSIBLE" PROPOSAL DESIGNED SOLELY TO SPLIT ARAB WORLD.

3. AFTER I HAD READ COMPLETE MESSAGE, AMIR STATED THAT HE "NOT (RPT NOT) DISPLEASED" BY SUSPENSION OF SECRETARY'S CURRENT MISSION SINCE HE BELIEVED THIS DEMONSTRATED GOOD FAITH OF ARABS AND BAD FAITH OF ISRAELIS. AMIR SAID THAT INCLUSION OF COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS ABOUT SADAT IN SECRETARY'S MESSAGE PROVED POINT RE ISRAELIS' BAD FAITH. AMIR OBSERVED THAT IT HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN EASY FOR SADAT TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER BARRAGE OF ACCUSATIONS THAT EGYPT GOING IT ALONE, BUT SADAT HAD HAD COURAGE TO PROCEED ANYWAY. AMIR PREDICTED THAT SADAT HIMSELF IN SPEECH HE SCHEDULED TO MAKE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS WILL REAFFIRM HIS FAITH IN SECRETARY AND US EFFORTS.

4. AMIR ASKED THAT I ASSURE SECRETARY THAT HIS EFFORTS WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED, THAT AMIR BELIEVED IN US SINCERITY AND DETERMINATION TO SOLVE MID EAST PROBLEM AND RETAINED CONFIDENCE IN SECRETARY'S ABILITY TO DO SO. KHALIFA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT RESPITE WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED PARTIES.

5. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY ABOUT WHAT COUNSEL HE MIGHT OFFER US AT THIS JUNCTURE, AMIR SAID SIMPLY THAT WE SHOULD PERSIST AND NOT RPT NOT LOSE HOPE. HE ASSERTED IT WAS CLEAR AND SOLEMN OBLIGATION OF US AS GREAT POWER TO USE ITS UNIQUE ABILITIES TO RESOLVE MID EAST CRISIS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WE COULD EXPECT PUBLIC SLANGING MATCHES AMONG PARTIES ASSESSING BLAME, AND CARPING FROM REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS, BUT THAT THIS SHOULD NOT DISCOURAGE US NOR DETER US FROM PURSUING A SETTLEMENT. AMIR STATED THAT US EFFORTS HAD HIS FULL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND THAT OF ALL OTHERS IN REGION WHO DESIRED JUST AND LASTING PEACE. HE CONFIDENT THAT HE TOOK EVERY POSSIBLE OCCASION TO BACK UP ARAB AMBASSADORS HERE WHO GAVE HIM PESSIMISTIC ESTIMATES ON SETTLEMENT.

6. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING WITH AMIR, I CALLED ON GOQ FOREIGN MINISTER, SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, TO BRIEF HIM ON SECRETARY'S MESSAGE, PARTICULARLY SINCE SUHAYM WILL BE LEAVING CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS AFTERNOON FOR ARAB LEAGUE CONCIL MEETING IN CAIRO. SUHAYM, AFTER INDULGING BRIEFLY IN HIS USUAL REFRAIN ABOUT THE PERNICIOUS INFLUENCE OF ZIONISM ON US POLICY, ECHOED AMIR'S LINE OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CONTINUED US EFFORTS. HE TOO DREW CONCLUSION FROM SECRETARY'S MESSAGE THAT ISRAELIS WERE STUMBLING BLOCK THAT CAUSED SUSPENSION OF MISSION, AND EXPRESSED CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SATISFACTION THAT ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE HAD BEEN FULLY EXPOSED TO SECRETARY. PAGANELLI

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